

of all members having the right to vote in any proceeding of the corporation. All books and records of the corporation may be inspected by any member, or any agent or attorney of such member, for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

(Pub. L. 99-119, § 10, Oct. 7, 1985, 99 Stat. 500.)

#### § 3611. Annual report

The corporation shall report annually to the Congress concerning the activities of the corporation during the preceding fiscal year. Such annual report shall be submitted at the same time as the report of the audit of the corporation required pursuant to section 1102 of this title. The report shall not be printed as a public document.

(Pub. L. 99-119, § 12, Oct. 7, 1985, 99 Stat. 500.)

#### § 3612. Reservation of right to amend or repeal chapter

The right to alter, amend, or repeal this chapter is expressly reserved to the Congress.

(Pub. L. 99-119, § 13, Oct. 7, 1985, 99 Stat. 500.)

#### § 3613. “State” defined

For purposes of this chapter, the term “State” includes the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the territories and possessions of the United States.

(Pub. L. 99-119, § 14, Oct. 7, 1985, 99 Stat. 500.)

#### § 3614. Tax-exempt status

The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt from taxation as provided in title 26.

(Pub. L. 99-119, § 15, Oct. 7, 1985, 99 Stat. 500; Pub. L. 99-514, § 2, Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2095.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1986—Pub. L. 99-514 substituted “Internal Revenue Code of 1986” for “Internal Revenue Code of 1954”, which for purposes of codification was translated as “title 26” thus requiring no change in text.

#### § 3615. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and badges

The corporation and its regional districts and local branches shall have the sole and exclusive right to use in carrying out its purposes the name “Pearl Harbor Survivors Association”, and such seals, emblems, and badges as the corporation may adopt.

(Pub. L. 99-119, § 16, Oct. 7, 1985, 99 Stat. 501.)

#### § 3616. Failure to comply with restrictions or provisions

If the corporation shall fail to comply with any of the restrictions or provisions of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter shall expire.

(Pub. L. 99-119, § 17, Oct. 7, 1985, 99 Stat. 501.)

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#### § 3701. Recognition as corporation and grant of Federal charter

The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865, a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Ohio, is recognized as such and is granted a Federal charter.

(Pub. L. 99-172, § 1, Dec. 9, 1985, 99 Stat. 1020.)

#### § 3702. Powers of corporation

The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865 (hereinafter in this chapter referred to as the “corporation”) shall have only those powers granted to it through its bylaws and articles of incorporation filed in the State or States in which it is incorporated and subject to the laws of such State or States.

(Pub. L. 99-172, § 2, Dec. 9, 1985, 99 Stat. 1020.)

#### § 3703. Objects and purposes of corporation

The objects and purposes of the corporation are those provided in its articles of incorporation and, for the purpose of perpetuating the memories of the fathers of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865, their loyalty to the Union, and their unselfish sacrifices for the preservation of the same, shall include the following:

(1) Encouraging the preservation of historic sites and the construction and preservation of monuments commemorating any aspect of the Civil War.

(2) Building and maintaining a Museum of Civil War History, admission to which shall be free and open to the public, in the city of Springfield, Illinois, as a repository of Civil War documents, artifacts, and cultural relics.

(3) Maintaining a library in connection with the Civil War museum, admission to which shall be open to the public, containing the official volumes of the War of the Rebellion Records, Civil War genealogical files, Adjutant General reports of the various States, military and biographical records and accounts of the individual service of Union soldiers, sailors, and marines, diaries, letters, relics, and other records.

(4) Promulgating and teaching American history, particularly the history of the Civil

War period, through the establishment of scholarship programs at the National and State levels, the presentation of American flags to youth groups and newly naturalized citizens, and the sponsorship of contests of educational merit.

(5) Caring for veterans of all wars through volunteer programs in Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers and in homes and other institutions maintained by the States for the welfare of American veterans.

(6) Participating, in a spirit of cooperation and reciprocity, in programs with other societies devoted to American history, veterans' affairs, or community interests.

The corporation shall function as a veterans' and patriotic organization as authorized by the laws of the State or States in which it is incorporated.

(Pub. L. 99-172, § 3, Dec. 9, 1985, 99 Stat. 1020; Pub. L. 102-54, § 13(n)(8), June 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 278.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1991—Par. (5). Pub. L. 102-54 substituted "Department of Veterans Affairs" for "Veterans' Administration".

### § 3704. Service of process

With respect to service of process, the corporation shall comply with the laws of the States in which it is incorporated and those States in which it carries on its activities in furtherance of its corporate purposes.

(Pub. L. 99-172, § 4, Dec. 9, 1985, 99 Stat. 1021.)

### § 3705. Membership

Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members of the corporation shall be as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(Pub. L. 99-172, § 5, Dec. 9, 1985, 99 Stat. 1021.)

### § 3706. Board of directors

The composition of the board of directors of the corporation and the responsibilities of such board shall be as provided in the articles of incorporation of the corporation and in conformity with the laws of the State or States in which it is incorporated.

(Pub. L. 99-172, § 6, Dec. 9, 1985, 99 Stat. 1021.)

### § 3707. Officers

The positions of officers of the corporation and the election of members to such positions shall be as provided in the articles of incorporation of the corporation and in conformity with the laws of the State or States in which it is incorporated.

(Pub. L. 99-172, § 7, Dec. 9, 1985, 99 Stat. 1021.)

### § 3708. Restrictions

#### (a) Distribution of income or assets to members

No part of the income or assets of the corporation may inure to the benefit of any member, officer, or director of the corporation or be distributed to any such individual during the life of this charter. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prevent the payment of reasonable

compensation to the officers of the corporation or reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of directors.

#### (b) Loans

The corporation may not make any loan to any officer, director, or employee of the corporation.

#### (c) Political activities

(1) The corporation may not contribute to, support, or otherwise participate in any political activity or attempt in any manner to influence legislation.

(2) No officer or director of the corporation, acting as such officer or director, may commit any act prohibited under paragraph (1) of this subsection.

#### (d) Issuance of stock; dividends

The corporation shall have no power to issue any shares of stock nor to declare or pay any dividends.

#### (e) Claim of approval or authorization

The corporation shall not claim congressional approval or the authorization of the Federal Government for any of its activities.

(Pub. L. 99-172, § 8, Dec. 9, 1985, 99 Stat. 1021.)

### § 3709. Liability for acts of officers and agents

The corporation shall be liable for the acts of its officers and agents whenever such officers and agents have acted within the scope of their authority.

(Pub. L. 99-172, § 9, Dec. 9, 1985, 99 Stat. 1022.)

### § 3710. Books and records; inspection

The corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and minutes of any proceeding of the corporation involving any of its members, the board of directors, or any committee having authority under the board of directors. The corporation shall keep, at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of all members having the right to vote in any proceeding of the corporation. All books and records of such corporation may be inspected by any member having the right to vote in any corporation proceeding, or by any agent or attorney of such member, for any proper purpose at any reasonable time. Nothing in this section shall be construed to contravene any applicable State law.

(Pub. L. 99-172, § 10, Dec. 9, 1985, 99 Stat. 1022.)

### § 3711. Annual report

The corporation shall report annually to the Congress concerning the activities of the corporation during the preceding fiscal year. Such annual report shall be submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section 1101(70) of this title. The report shall not be printed as a public document.

(Pub. L. 99-172, § 12, Dec. 9, 1985, 99 Stat. 1022.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 1101(70) of this title, referred to in text, was in the original "section 11 of this Act", meaning sec-

tion 11 of Pub. L. 99-172, which amended section 1101 of this title to include Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865 within the definition of "private corporations established under Federal law". Section 1103 of this title requires a report to Congress on the annual audit of private corporations established under Federal law.

#### **§ 3712. Reservation of right to amend or repeal chapter**

The right to alter, amend, or repeal this chapter is expressly reserved to the Congress.

(Pub. L. 99-172, § 13, Dec. 9, 1985, 99 Stat. 1022.)

#### **§ 3713. "State" defined**

For purposes of this chapter, the term "State" includes the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the territories and possessions of the United States.

(Pub. L. 99-172, § 14, Dec. 9, 1985, 99 Stat. 1022.)

#### **§ 3714. Tax-exempt status**

The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt from taxation as provided in title 26. If the corporation fails to maintain such status, the charter granted by this chapter shall expire.

(Pub. L. 99-172, § 15, Dec. 9, 1985, 99 Stat. 1022; Pub. L. 99-514, § 2, Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2095.)

#### **AMENDMENTS**

1986—Pub. L. 99-514 substituted "Internal Revenue Code of 1986" for "Internal Revenue Code of 1954", which for purposes of codification was translated as "title 26" thus requiring no change in text.

#### **§ 3715. Failure to comply with restrictions or provisions**

If the corporation shall fail to comply with any of the restrictions or provisions of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter shall expire.

(Pub. L. 99-172, § 16, Dec. 9, 1985, 99 Stat. 1023.)

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#### **§ 3801. Recognition as corporation and grant of Federal charter**

The Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York, is hereby recognized as such and is granted a charter.

(Pub. L. 99-318, § 1, May 23, 1986, 100 Stat. 474.)

#### **§ 3802. Powers of corporation**

The Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. (hereinafter in this chapter referred to as the "corporation"), shall have only those powers granted to it through its articles of incorporation filed in the State in which it is incorporated and its constitution and bylaws, and subject to the laws of such State.

(Pub. L. 99-318, § 2, May 23, 1986, 100 Stat. 474.)

#### **§ 3803. Objects and purposes of corporation**

The objects and purposes of the corporation are those stated in its articles of incorporation, constitution, and bylaws and include a commitment to—

(1) uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States;

(2) foster the improvement of the condition of Vietnam-era veterans;

(3) promote the social welfare (including educational, economic, social, physical, and cultural improvement) in the United States by encouraging the growth and development, readjustment, self-respect, self-confidence and usefulness of Vietnam-era veterans and other veterans;

(4) improve conditions for Vietnam-era veterans and develop channels of communication to assist Vietnam-era veterans;

(5) conduct and publish research, on a non-partisan basis, pertaining to the relationship between Vietnam-era veterans and the American society, to the Vietnam war experience, to the role of the United States in securing peaceful coexistence for the world community, and to other matters which affect the educational, economic, social, physical, or cultural welfare of Vietnam-era veterans and other veterans and the families of such veterans;

(6) assist disabled Vietnam-era veterans and other veterans in need of assistance and the dependents and survivors of such veterans; and

(7) consecrate the efforts of the members of the corporation and Vietnam-era veterans generally to mutual helpfulness and service to their country.

(Pub. L. 99-318, § 3, May 23, 1986, 100 Stat. 474.)

#### **§ 3804. Service of process**

With respect to service of process, the corporation shall comply with the laws of the State in which it is incorporated and those States in which it carries on its activities in furtherance of its corporate purposes.

(Pub. L. 99-318, § 4, May 23, 1986, 100 Stat. 475.)